

GRANT COMMITTEE MEETING – August 7, 2023

Attendees:

Carolyn Langlois, Mark List, Kelly Rogers, Carol Schaefer, Mary Spindler, and Judy Wirtz

Absent: Katy Johnson and Kelly Rogers

Guests: Heidi Pitt, and Doris French

Meeting Minutes for July 17, 2023 – Judy motioned to approve with changes, and Mark seconded.

Team Updates:

There was discussion on having informal meetings, and it was stated that we cannot have four members attending, as that would constitute a quorum.

The Grant Committee cannot ask for ARPA funds unless we have a grant and we need more dollars.

The Gerstacker foundation gave us \$30,000. Judy talked to Steve, Little Tikes, and he came up with another swing that was a lot less money. Carol went to Susan Wiggins and talked to her about changing the grant for a different swing, but it was stated that before making any decisions to change from one swing to another, that it should have gone to the board. Heidi stated that the board cannot make a single decision without a full quorum, and that they do move very slow.

Doris stated that we can apply for more than one grant from various organizations for the same thing, and then if we get one, simply contact the other organizations via letter and let them know.

Carol stated that the specifications for the shade shelter, 12' by 32', but it would be painted due to costs. It was stressed that it must be ADA accessible.

Heidi said that since the changes to the Fire Department they are getting bids from local people for improvements. It was also stated by Mark, that the Grant Committee should be placing all of our emphasis on the Fire Hall for grants for various repairs, such as a new roof, siding, drywall, rescue truck, and a pumper, but the Board has to agree.

We should hear from the Michigan Sparks Grant by September.

New Business:

Mark has a contact that works with Dan Kildee, and will work with him on various things.

Adjourn Time: 8:00 pm

Judy Wirtz motioned to adjourn, and Mark List seconded.

DATES OF MEEINGS: September 18 (due to holiday)